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J.C. BUNCH IN TROUBLE

POPULAR BAND TEACHER UNDER FORGERY CHARGE

HELD ON \$2,000.00 BOND TO AWAIT ACTION OF GRAND JURY.

Makes Good Bond and Declares He Will Show a Clean Slate in Due Time.

District Attorney K. K. Scott returned from Carlshad today, where he has been conducting investigations in the forgery of city warrants by the city clerk, Joe Bunch, a half dozen separate cases being the result of the arraignment. Bunch has waived preliminary hearing and has been bound over to await the action of the grand jury with bail in the sum of \$2,000. The accused man has made restitution to the city in the sum of \$321.

The above was clipped from Tuesday evening's Roswell News and shows that the matter was given publicity outside of Carlshad first.

Joseph C. Bunch, well known as band teacher and town recorder as stated above was arrested at Pearl, fifty miles west Monday morning while going to Livingston to teach a band at that place. He came in and gave bond signed by himself, Y. R. Allen and Walter Pendleton in the sum of \$2,000 to appear at the September term of the district court. The case will be tried before a jury and that no one may be influenced by any account given in the Current only a brief resume of the facts being stated.

About two months ago the town treasurer, Mr. Laverty, discovered some irregularity in the warrants he cashed and called the attention of the town trustees to the discrepancy. The finance committee, consisting of Trustee Snow then at once went to work to check up Mr. Bunch and found him over \$321 behind, which he paid in to the treasury at once.

Monday five complaints charging forgery were sworn out by Trustees Snow and Poore and one by G. M. Whitehead and it was on the strength of these complaints that Bunch was arrested. As stated above the district attorney approved all the complaints and the matter will be threshed out in the grand jury room in September. It is held by friends of Mr. Bunch that he can show there was no intent to defraud the town and that he can clear his skirts of all charges. It is hoped he may do so.

The following is the principal complaint filed with the Justice of the Peace Frank H. Richards, last Monday:

Criminal Complaint.
State of New Mexico, County of Eddy, SS.

The complaint and information of W. A. Poore, made before F. H. Richards a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, in precinct No. 1, on the 24th day of July, A. D., 1916, said W. A. Poore being duly sworn, on oath says that Joseph C. Bunch, on the 7th day of March, A. D., 1916 at, to-wit, the said county of Eddy, in the State aforesaid, did unlawfully commit the crime of forgery; that he did unlawfully, falsely and feloniously make and forge a writing on paper, purporting to be a town warrant in the tenor following, to-wit:

No. 6091 Town of Carlshad, \$84.00 Carlshad, N. M., 3-7-1916.

To the treasurer of the town of Carlshad: Pay to the order of L. E. Warren—\$4.00—eighty-four and no 100 dollars and charge to account of General Fund.

JOHN W. ARMSTRONG, Mayor.
JOS. C. BUNCH, Recorder.

And endorsed on the back thereof, "L. E. Warren," with intent to injure and defraud contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of New Mexico. He therefore prays that the said Jos. C. Bunch may be arrested and dealt with according to law.

W. A. POORE.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of July, A. D., 1916.

FRANK H. RICHARDS, Justice of the Peace.

Approved: K. K. SCOTT, District Attorney.

Besides the above were five others on a claim against the town by the Carlshad Auto Co., for \$800 claimed to be raised to \$11.80. This complaint was sworn to by F. G. Snow.

Another was a Pecos Valley Lumber Co. claim of \$44.60 raised to \$55.50, the complaint sworn to and signed by W. A. Poore. The warrant signed by John W. Armstrong, mayor, and Bunch got credit on personal account. Another was a warrant made out to Geo. M. Whited for \$20.21 and the signature of the Mayor, John W. Armstrong was signed with a rubber stamp. The complaint was sworn to by Whited and it is claimed by Bunch that he never received a cent of the money Whited claims he never saw a cent of the money.

Another was a warrant made out to E. H. Weaver for \$15.00 and endorsed by Weaver who claims to have never seen the warrant.

ARRESTED FOR RIFLING MAIL.

O. J. Cudd, Mail and Express Clerk Caught With the Goods.

Last Friday evening it became noised about Carlshad that the well known mail and express clerk running each day between Carlshad and Pecos had been caught by government detectives and had confessed to having rifled letters of their contents. He was apprehended by Inspector Bazth of the Denver Division assisted by Inspectors Caldwell and Helmer of the Texas division. A decoy letter was mailed at Carlshad on the train with a marked ten dollar bill addressed to one of the officers at Pecos who went to the Pecos post office and failed to find the letter. The officers went down on the same train. Mr. Cudd was then arrested on suspicion and immediately searched and the bill found in his possession. Upon being charged with the theft he broke down and confessed. The mail between Carlshad and Pecos had been plundered for more than a year and it was very well known by the post office people here and in Pecos and elsewhere that Cudd was the guilty party but it was up to the inspectors to work up a case that would land the game and now the authorities have him safe, but he came within an ace of giving them the slip. When the train arrived here Friday evening he asked permission to go to his home and change clothes and was accompanied by one of the inspectors who waited outside while he went in the house. The inspector waited for some time and then went in and found his bird had flown. Cudd going out the back door and hid until after dark, and then walked to the McMillan dam where he was seen by some one Saturday and where he got a ride with some people who were going to Roswell where he was again arrested on the street Monday morning, and placed in jail. He will be tried in the federal court and if convicted of the crime of which he is charged will be held in some place where federal prisoners are placed for a term of from one to ten years. The many friends of his family are sincerely grieved that such a horrible charge should be brought against Mr. Cudd and hope it may not be as bad as reported.

FROM HIGHLONESOME RANCH.
A. C. Heard, wife and Mr. Miser came in from the Highlonesome on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Heard will spend a few weeks in town and Mrs. Miser and the children will go out to the ranch for a change. While here Daddy bought a fine registered white face bull from J. F. Koresy, paying \$350.00 for him, he will take it out to the ranch, starting today, also 50 head of Jersey cattle. Part of the cattle he and Mr. Watkins had in partnership on Lone Tree will be driven out to the plains where they can get plenty to eat, so Mr. Heard says. This fine bull will be on exhibition at the Lovington annual picnic. This year they will hold a fair, showing fine cattle and all kinds of produce. The plains people never do anything by halves and they will have a big crowd.

EDDY CRIMINAL DOCKET IS HEAVY.

The criminal docket for the September term of the district court in Eddy County is the heaviest for years, according to District Attorney K. K. Scott, who returned from the City Beautiful today, where he has been representing the state in prosecutions. The district attorney states that there are more than two dozen felony cases which have been bound over to await the action of the grand jury, with four murder cases to investigate by this body. He states that the entire term of the court will be consumed in the disposition of these cases alone.—Tuesday's Roswell News

When you see Nelson think of Clothes. When you see Clothes think of Nelson.

T. STEES MEETING.

Monday the town board met and on motion of Trustee Poore, seconded by M. R. Smith it was carried unanimously that the Mayor be instructed to confer by wire with an auditing firm in Albuquerque to at once audit the accounts of the town of Carlshad. It is expected that an expert accountant will be here within a few days to audit the books.

Another warrant 6121 for \$43.75 to L. E. Warren who claims he never saw the warrant which was signed back "L. E. Warren" which signature is claimed to be a forgery. This warrant was passed to Walter Pendleton.

Yesterday a new bond was made by Mr. Bunch containing the following names: Joseph W. Lackey, Charley Watson, John Lowenbruck, J. B. Leck, B. A. Christmas.

On being interviewed Mr. Bunch stated he had made many errors but would show when the proper time arrived that he is no criminal and that all the charges will be cleared up, and in the meantime asks that judgment be suspended as to his intention to do a criminal act.

PART BLACK LIST ANSWER.

Washington, July 25.—Part answer to the state department's request for information concerning the black listing of American firms by Great Britain was given informally to Acting Secretary Polk today by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador. Sir Cecil said the black list was not directed against neutral trade; it was not intended to affect existing contracts and that the British government would be glad to consider the

cases of firms desiring to offer proof that they had been put on the list unjustifiably.

B. L. Walker and wife are closing the Golden Leaf Cafe. They have made a record as proprietors, and have generally pleased the public. They had a host of friends among the ranch people and have steadily added new patronage while they have been here. Seems the warm weather has caused them to make the change.

ALPINE HOTEL MAN MURDERS WIFE AND ARMY MAN

U. S. ARMY OFFICER AND WOMAN KILLED.

Alpine, Tex., July 20.—Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Butler, of the Sixth U. S. cavalry, and Mrs. H. J. Spannall, with whom he was riding in an automobile, were shot and killed this afternoon. Immediately after the shooting, H. J. Spannall, husband of the woman, went to the jail and surrendered to the sheriff.

Mrs. Spannall was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Holland, well known residents of Alpine.

Spannall, who is the proprietor of the Holland hotel here, had been under the suspicion of friends today on account of his strange actions preceding the tragedy. They said he did not act normally.

San Antonio, Tex., July 20.—Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Butler, of the sixth cavalry, and Mrs. Harry J. Spannall were shot and killed this afternoon at Alpine, Tex., by the woman's husband.

Spannall and his two victims were out for an automobile ride when he shot them. He went at once to the town jail and gave himself up. Trou-

BRITISH WIN A NAVAL BATTLE

SIX GERMAN DESTROYERS ARE PUT TO FLIGHT.

Six German raiders attempting a raid on a reconnaissance on the British coast were put to flight by a British sea force in a running fight off Shouwen bank, a British admiralty statement, which also said the German vessels were repeatedly hit.

One British craft was struck once, but the total British casualties were a couple wounded.

The German destroyers succeeded in reaching a base on the Belgian coast.

The North Hilden lighthouse is located off the Belgian coast, between Ostend and the mouth of the Scheldt river. Shouwen bank is in the same neighborhood. The action, according to the British admiralty, therefore, took place off the Belgian coast. The German vessels engaged came presumably from Zeebrugge, where there is a German destroyer base.

A Berlin official statement says this: "Our torpedo boats returned from a point close to the mouth of the Thames undamaged after a short engagement."

British Cavalry Defeated.
A defeat of British cavalry detach-

THE DROUTH BROKEN

HANLY AND LANDRITH NAMED NATIONAL PROHIBITIONISTS SELECT THEM AS STANDARD BEARERS.

In convention at St. Paul the National Prohibition party nominated J. Frank Hanly, former governor of Indiana, on the last day and on first ballot as the presidential candidate over six others, receiving 440 votes. Former Governor William Sulzer of New York was second, with 181 votes. Effort to make Mr. Hanly's nomination was unsuccessful, over twenty delegates objecting.

After all other candidates withdrew Dr. Ira D. Landrith of Nashville, Tenn., was unanimously nominated for vice president.

The Platform.

Liquor traffic denounced as a crime and nationwide prohibition and equal suffrage declared for; military programs of Democratic and Republican parties opposed, but "constructive one in preparedness for peace" favored; favors reciprocal trade treaties to be negotiated with all nations and commissions appointed to gather facts; favors national legislation to encourage the establishment of an adequate fleet of American merchant ships; opposes war with Mexico; pledges aid to protect American lives; favors use of force if necessary; approves strict interpretation of Monroe doctrine.

Dr. Landrith Native of Texas.

Dr. Ira D. Landrith is widely known as a religious writer, reformer and educator. He was born at Milford, Ellis county, Tex., March 23, 1865, and received the degrees of doctor of laws and doctor of divinity from Trinity university, the well known Texas educational institution.

CHARGE AGAINST CALLOWAY.

HOUSE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE TEXAN'S REMARKS.

Speaker Champ Clark was authorized to appoint a committee of five to investigate the remarks made by Representative Oscar Calloway of Texas, made in June, which are alleged to reflect upon the motive of Representative Gardner of Massachusetts for supporting large appropriation for preparedness movements. Mr. Calloway signified his willingness for the investigation.

His remarks, made on the floor of the house during debate, suggested that the high price of war stocks led Mr. Gardner and others to suggest large appropriations rather than patriotic motives.

SAILING OF KOENIG CAUSES MARINE MOVE.

Washington, July 26.—Although the navy department professes to have received no report on the dash of a British cruiser into American waters in the lower Chesapeake yesterday, Secretary Daniels today ordered the armored cruiser North Carolina to do "neutrality duty" outside the Virginia capes, where a squadron of British and French cruisers are waiting for the German — under-water liners Deutschland and Bremen. The fact that the Deutschland at Baltimore this afternoon was reported ready to clear for her dash out of the capes, was taken to have had some part in the preparations for preserving American neutrality.

Baltimore, July 26.—The German merchant submarine Deutschland was cleared at the customs house this afternoon by Captain Paul Koenig, her commander.

The customs officials said the Deutschland cleared for Bremen or any other port in Germany and was loaded with a cargo of general merchandise.

"The time of my departure is definite," said Captain Koenig, in reply to a question asked by customs officials. Collector Ryan, with the approval of the treasury department, granted the request of the commander that the submarine's manifest be withheld from publication for a reasonable time.

MEXICAN SLAYER OF RANCHMAN AND WIFE, DEAD.

Douglas, Ariz., July 24.—Jose Valencuela, a Mexican admitted by his wife to be the slayer of Mr. and Mrs. William Parker at the Double Adobe ranch, fifty-five miles southeast of Hachita, early in June, did not escape from the American civilian posse which trailed him into Mexico, but was killed in the wilds of Cajon Bonita, a "no man's land" between Sonora and Chihuahua. This statement reached here today from Hachita from an apparently authoritative but confidential source.

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HEAVIEST RAIN SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER FALLS LAST NIGHT

Coming from the west and starting about 7 p. m., and continuing for about four hours last night occurred the heaviest rain of 1916, and since that of September of last year when over five inches fell during the month in Carlshad.

The precipitation last night was two and two-hundredths inches.

The following is the record of the reclamation office rain gauge since last September:

Sept. 21 and 22, 2.07; 24 and 25, 1.11; October 12; Nov. .00; Dec. .58; and Jan. .30; Feb. 12; March .10; April 1.34; May .06; June .00.

Previous to this date July had .95 which fell the 6th, 16th and 24th.

The rain last night extended north as far as Artesia and south below Malaga, but did not extend east—several coming in from six miles east this morning report the road dry and dusty a mile or two east of Carlshad. Coming from the west a heavy cloud was seen about thirty miles west an hour before sun set which it was plain had broken and was raining for an hour before it commenced to fall here. However parties coming in from the west state that the rain could not have been heavy west of Mosely for they could see the clear sky under the black cloud when about six miles west of town. A week ago last Tuesday and Wednesday a heavy rain fell in upper Dark canyon and put out water in the water hole at the old Pat Middleton place above the Gist-McCollum ranch and all the stock of Dave McCollum are now watering at the holes above the home place which the rain skipped. The old Doe Reed place got a good rain last week and Pat Middleton reports his angoras doing well.

The rain and storm did some damage especially to the alfalfa in Hackberry draw the heaviest cutting of the season of I. S. Osborne being in the winrow and would have been threshed this week for seed had not the rain caught it. The other farmers of Hackberry Messrs. Falke the purchaser of the Little place and Mr. Stephenson each lost some hay but if the crop does not heat in the winrow the seed will not be damaged. The Joyce-Fruit warehouse near the railroad track on Mermod street was slightly injured by lightning and the posts underneath gave way under the loads of oil cake inside and fell in on account of the ground being soaked. The contents were being moved this morning.

Jack Greenlee the mail carrier returned at ten this morning, having driven his car to within four miles of Mosely where he turned back at the second crossing and barely reached the first crossing ahead of the water. He is satisfied that rain is falling in torrents in the mountains at present and thinks that we will see dark canon down with a flood before dark tonight.

DEATH OF O. G. PATTERSON.

Ollie Patterson aged 38 years, died from a hemorrhage at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, at their home west of the H. I. Braden residence. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson came to Carlshad about eight years ago from Steubenville, Ohio, his old home. Came here for health purposes and has kept himself employed a little time, whether he felt well or not; kept in the open air night and day. He was with the Public Utility Company for three or four years and decided to try the moving picture business, and has made a success, knowing the kind of films that pleased, he was always ready to show them just as his doggers read. His wife assisted him evenings after she resigned as day central. She has proven herself a loyal helpmeet and has never left him for any length of time to visit. They were married in Steubenville in 1906. Mr. Patterson was in business in Pittsburgh, Penn., going there in 1900. They came to Carlshad in 1908 and have lived here the past eight years. Mr. Patterson's parents live in Steubenville, Ohio, and he was the oldest son of a family of eight children, all are living but one sister and the deceased.

Mr. Patterson has made many friends here that regret his passing. Mrs. Patterson's sister Mrs. Morrow came Tuesday afternoon and was here to comfort her in this her great loss and help her to fight the great battle today and she has surely played her part in keeping the battle away from the human heart. O. G. Patterson was buried from the family home on Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Rees Pratt and Lowry officiating. He was and Elk of long standing and all the Elks in Carlshad were in attendance. The burial was a most impressive ceremony and the procession was long. All the business houses closed at five. Many beautiful floral tributes were sent by the Elks and special friends. The pall bearers were C. T. Adams, R. L. Halley, W. E. Carter, H. I. Braden, J. M. Linn and George Frederick.

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ble between him and his wife, it is said, led to jealousy of Colonel Butler and the tragedy.

General Funston received a brief report late tonight, without details of the causes that led to the shooting. He and other officers at headquarters expressed entire confidence in the integrity of the cavalry officer.

Butler was a son of General Ben Butler of civil war fame. His wife and son, aged 7 years, were with him at Alpine, where he had been stationed since May 20.

Spannall is proprietor of the Holland House at Alpine and his wife was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Holland, of that town. Holland is a wealthy cattleman and ranch owner.

Butler received his promotion but a few days ago. During the St. Louis exposition he was in charge of the Philippine exhibit. Eleven years ago he married Miss Margaret Howell, of Nashville.

Spannall was instructor in music at Baylor university at Waco when Miss Holland was a student there. He continued to teach after their marriage until two years ago his father-in-law gave him charge of a large business at Alpine.

BEST WAY TO BOOST.

Every dollar spent out of town, be it in New York or Roswell, when the price at home is the same or less, is that much money gone to build up some other community at the expense of Carlshad.

MRS. ROSA STONE MARRIES.

Coming as a surprise to her many friends in and around Carlshad, was the announcement of the marriage of Mrs. Rosa Stone, Monday morning to Mr. St. Elmo James, at Judge Richard's office. Mrs. James has lived in and around Carlshad for a number of years. A few months ago she sold her household effects and tried her luck in Texas, returning about a month ago, saying she was going to stay here. Mr. James has been employed on the Elsworth James ranch for some time, and is well known in the valley. The newly weds are expecting to buy and stock a ranch. The Current joins their many friends in wishing them a prosperous and happy married life.

ments by Turkish forces east of Suez, near the canal, is announced by the Turkish army headquarters in an official statement. The British fled toward the canal, pursued by the Turks. British detachments advancing west of Kalla, thirty miles west of the canal, were driven off by Turkish skirmishers, say Constantinople advices.

Miss S. McNaughtan, an English authoress, died at London.

THE MARKETS.

Dallas Cotton and Grain.

Dallas, July 24.—Strict good middling, 13.85c; middling fair, 14.10; good middling, 13.60; middling, 13.35; strict low middling, 12.62; low middling, 12.72; strict good ordinary, 11.75; good ordinary, 11.60.

Grain—Wheat: Per bushel, at Dallas mills, \$1.05, No. 2 basis, soft.

Corn: White, No. 2 to 4 1-2; mixed, 78 to 81, delivered in car lots at mill. Oats: Texas red, 40 to 42 in sacks, 37 to 40 in bulk.

Fort Worth Livestock.

Fort Worth, July 24.—Cattle: Cows, \$4 to \$5.75; heifers, \$5 to \$7.50; bulls, \$4 to \$5.75; calves, \$4 to \$8.75; stockers, \$5.00 to \$6.85.

Hogs: \$7.25 to \$9.65; pigs, \$4.50-7.00.

Sheep: \$7 to \$8.25; lambs, \$9 to \$9.50; goats, \$4 to \$4.75.

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